

Claim 12, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

Claim 14, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

Claim 16, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 20, line 1, change "any one of claims 17 to 19" to --claim 17--.

Claim 21, line 1, change "any of claims 17 to 20" to --claim 17--.

Claim 22, line 1, change "any one of claims 17 to 21" to --claim 17--.

Claim 23, line 2, change "any one of claims 17 to 22" to --claim 17--.

Claim 25, line 1, change "any one of claims 17 to 24" to --claim 17--.

Claim 26, line 2, change "any of claims 17 to 25" to --claim 17--.

Claim 29, line 1, delete "or claim 28".

Claim 31, line 1, delete "or claim 29".

Claim 32, line 1, delete "or claim 29".

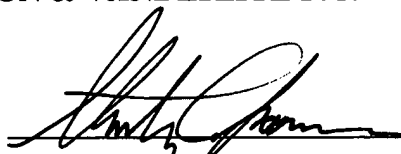
REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

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